<u>**A**MENDMENTS TO THE **C**LAIMS</u>

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A portal server ~~for a network of computing devices for aggregating application issue data from a plurality of independent software vendors (ISVs), the portal server being accessible by one or more application developers of the ISVs via a network computer device, the portal server~~ comprising:

a data interface for accessing a plurality of application issue data sources for obtaining application issue data regarding one or more applications associated with a plurality of ~~each of the~~ independent software vendors (ISVs), ~~the application issue data including blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data,~~ where the data interface is configured to allow an ISV access to at least one aggregated application issue data associated with one or more of the ISV's applications; and

~~a network interface accessible by each of the one or more application developers; and~~

an aggregation module for aggregating the application issue data by application and for presenting to ~~each of the~~ at least one or more ISV application developers ~~via the network interface~~ a customizable user interface that presents the aggregated application issue data regarding ~~only~~ the one or more applications associated with that ISV and omits the application issue data for applications not associated with that ISV~~, the presentation including the names of the applications associated with the ISV, a number of blocking issue data items associated with each application, a number of quality issue data items associated with each application, and a number of compatibility fix issue data items associated with each application, wherein~~

~~each application name is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising application issue data for the corresponding application,~~

~~each number of the blocking issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising blocking issue data for the corresponding application,~~

~~each number of the quality issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising quality issue data for the corresponding application, and~~

~~each number of the compatibility fix issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list~~ ~~comprising compatibility fix issue data for the corresponding application~~.

2.   (Previously presented) The portal server according to Claim 1, wherein the aggregation module is further operable to prioritize the application issue data according to at least one criterion at the request of an application developer.

3.   (Previously presented) The portal server according to Claim 2, wherein the at least one criterion includes one or more criteria selected from the group consisting of issue ID, application name, application version, issue type, issue priority, operating system, and number of issue reports per issue.

4.   (Previously presented) The portal server according to Claim 1, wherein the plurality of application issue data sources comprise a database of logo certification test results performed on at least one application by a party other than the application developer and a database of user-reported computer crash data.

5.   (Previously presented) The portal server according to Claim 4, wherein the plurality of application issue data sources further comprise an additional database of application experience test data.

6 – 25. (Cancelled)

26.   (New) The portal server according to Claim 1, wherein the application issue data further comprises blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data.

27.   (New) The portal server according to Claim 1 further comprising a network interface accessible by each of the one or more application developers.

28.   (New) The portal server according to Claim 1, wherein the customizable user interface further comprises a presentation including the names of the applications associated with the ISV, a number of blocking issue data items associated with each application, a number of quality issue data items associated with each application, and a number of compatibility fix issue data items associated with each application.

29.   (New) The portal server according to Claim 28, wherein each application name is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising application issue data for the corresponding application, each number of the blocking issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising blocking issue data for the corresponding application, each number of the quality issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising quality issue data for the corresponding application, and each number of the compatibility fix issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising compatibility fix issue data for the corresponding application.

30.   (New) A user interface comprising:

at least one processor communicatively coupled to the user interface for carrying out computer executable instructions in connection with user interface processes;

a login credentials pane, where entry of credentials allows access to aggregated application issue data;

a search pane for user entry of at least one search term, whereby entry of at least one search term coupled with a run command will cause a search to be executed of aggregated application issue data; and

a task pane for user selection of a format for display of application issue data; and a content pane for display of application issue data.

31.   (New) The user interface according to Claim 30, wherein the user is an application developer of one or more applications, and the application issue data available to the user in the content pane relates to those one or more applications and omits data related to applications other than the one or more applications.

32.   (New) The user interface according to Claim 31, wherein the task pane contains a listing of available formats.

33.   (New) The user interface according to Claim 32, wherein the listing of available formats comprises a summary format.

34.   (New) The user interface according to Claim 33, wherein each application issue has associated therewith number of reports of that issue, and wherein the summary format comprises a graphical illustration of the number of reports associated with each of a subset of application issues, each application issue in the subset having associated therewith more reports than any of the remaining issues not in the subset.

35.   (New) The user interface according to Claim 32, wherein the listing of available formats comprises a format wherein each of the one or more applications is listed and is visually associated with information regarding application issues for that application.

36.   (New) The user interface according to Claim 35, wherein the information visually associated with each of the one or more applications comprises an indication of the total number of issues associated with that application.

37.   (New) The user interface according to Claim 36, wherein the applications issues each have one of a plurality of types, and wherein the information visually associated with each of the one or more applications comprises an indication of the number of issues of each type associated with that application.

38.   (New) The user interface according to Claim 35, wherein the information visually associated with each of the one or more applications comprises an indication of the total number of issues associated with that application when used in conjunction with an indicated operating system.

39.   (New) The user interface according to Claim 32, wherein the listing of available formats comprises a format wherein all application issues associated with the one or more applications are presented.

40.   (New) The user interface according to Claim 39, wherein each application issue has an identifier, and wherein within the format wherein all application issues associated with the one or more applications are presented, the application issues are grouped by application issue identifier.

41.   (New) The user interface according to Claim 30, wherein the search pane comprises selectable search filters.

42.   (New) A user interface according to Claim 30, wherein the application issue data includes blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data.

43.   (New) A user interface according to Claim 30, wherein the display of the application issue data includes the names of the applications associated with the ISV, a number of blocking issue data items associated with each application, a number of quality issue data items associated with each application, and a number of compatibility fix issue data items associated with each application.

44.   (New) A user interface according to Claim 30, wherein each application name is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising application issue data for the corresponding application, each number of the blocking issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising quality issue data for the corresponding application, and each number of the compatibility fix issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising compatibility fix issue data for the corresponding application.

45.   (New) A method comprising: gathering application issue data from a plurality of data sources;

aggregating application issue data such that at least one application issue data attributed to a particular ISV is accessible through a login protocol;

aggregating application issue data such that application issues pertaining to the same application are grouped together; and

presenting the aggregated application issue data visually to the developer of the one or more software applications by providing a user with selectable control for altering the order in which the application issues are presented.

46.   (New) The method according to Claim 45, wherein gathering application issue data from a plurality of data sources comprises gathering the application issue data from a database storing at least one item of user crash report data and a database storing at least one item of test report data.

47.   (New) The method of Claim 45, wherein the application issue data includes blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data.

48.   (New) A method comprising: gathering application issue data from a plurality of data sources;

aggregating application issue data enabling at least one application issue data attributed to a particular ISV to be accessible through a login protocol;

aggregating application issue data such that application issues pertaining to the same application are grouped together; and

presenting the aggregated application issue data visually to the developer of the one or more software applications by presenting a subset of the data in a visual page and presenting a user-selectable page control for accessing one or more pages of remaining data.

49.   (New) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing the method according to Claim 45.

50.   (New) The method of Claim 48, wherein the application issue data includes blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data.

51.   (New) An apparatus comprising:

at least one processor for executing computer executable instructions for presenting application issue data;

means for aggregating application issue data such that at least one application issue data attributed to a particular ISV is accessible through a login protocol;

means for aggregating application issue data such that application issues pertaining to the same application are grouped together;

means for gathering application issue data from a plurality of data sources; and

means for presenting the aggregated application issue data visually to the developer of the one or more software applications by providing a user with selectable control for altering the order in which the application issues are presented.

52.   (New) The apparatus of Claim 51, wherein the application issue data includes blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data.

53.   (New) An apparatus comprising:

at least one processor for executing computer executable instructions for presenting application issue data;

means for aggregating application issue data such that at least one application issue data attributed to a particular ISV is accessible through a login protocol;

means for aggregating application issue data such that application issues pertaining to the same application are grouped together;

means for gathering application issue data from a plurality of data sources; and

means for presenting the aggregated application issue data visually to the developer of the one or more software applications by presenting a subset of the data in a visual page and presenting a user-selectable page control for accessing one or more pages of remaining data.

54.   (New) The apparatus of Claim 53, wherein the application issue data includes blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data.

55.   (New) The method according to Claim 48, wherein gathering application issue data from a plurality of data sources comprises gathering the application issue data from a database storing at least one item of user crash report data and a database storing at least one item of test report data.